

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE _____

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TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 200-37 ENTITLED SCHEDULE VI: TRUCK EXCLUSIONS. ADDING SECTION A ENTITLED RESTRICTION OF COMMERCIAL TRUCKS SCHOOL ZONES.

(Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, the City Council of Orange Township is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents, particularly the children attending schools within the township; and

WHEREAS, the presence of heavy trucks in school zones poses a significant risk to the safety of school children and other pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, reducing traffic congestion and minimizing noise pollution around schools contributes to a more conducive learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the City Council of Orange Township, as follows:

Creating Section, A Entitled Restriction of Commercial Trucks in school zones

Section 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

Commercial trucks - In accordance with the provisions of § 200-11A, all trucks or commercial vehicles in excess of the indicated maximum gross weights are hereby excluded from the following streets or parts of streets

School Zone: As defined NJSA 39:1-1 The State Statutory Definition of School

School Hours: The period from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM on days when school is in session.

Section 2. Restrictions

Prohibited Operation: No commercial truck shall operate on any road within a designated school zone during school hours.

Signage: Appropriate signage indicating "No Commercial Trucks During School Hours" shall be installed at all entry points to school zones.

Exceptions:

Emergency vehicles and public transportation buses are exempt from this restriction.

Commercial trucks making local deliveries or pickups within the school zone may be exempt, provided no alternative route is feasible.

Section 3. Enforcement and Penalties

Enforcement: The Orange Township Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Penalties: Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each offense. Repeat offenders may face increased fines and potential impoundment of the vehicle.

Section 4. Implementation

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law. The City Council directs the appropriate municipal departments to take necessary actions for the installation of signage and dissemination of information regarding this restriction.

Section 5. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to restrict the operation of heavy trucks on roads within designated school zones in the City of Orange Township to enhance the safety and security of school children and other pedestrians.

Section 6. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 7. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. Fiscal

Minimum purchase of signs

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